

MESSENGER-CONTROLLED APPLICATIONS IN AN INSTANT MESSAGING ENVIRONMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques for controlling an application in an instant messaging environment are
5 described. The instant messaging environment retrieves and executes an instant
messaging application. An identifier is assigned to the instant messaging application,
which is retrieved and executed in the instant messaging environment between two or
more instant messaging clients. The instant messaging environment identifies a selected
instant messaging application and generates a control message. The control message
10 includes the identifier which is used to retrieve and execute the instant messaging
application. The instant messaging environment also determines whether a supporting
application is required, based on the instant messaging application identifier, to execute
the instant messaging application.